



Premmie Project - August 2020

Go date: 02 August 2020

Starting 02 August 2020, through to 31 August 2020, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing and knitting/ crocheting clothing, bedding and toys for preemie babies.

Who are we supporting this project?

The charity and community partners we are focusing on this project are:

We have received requests from numerous NICU/ SCN's, community organisations and charities for support with handmade items.

We are working across as many states and territories as possible - if you know a NICU/ SCN that is in need please ask them to visit our website and fill in our request form during August

www.sewingforcharity.com

What exactly are we making?

Gowns, blankets, shirts, bears...the list is (almost) endless!

I knit or crochet - how can I help?

There are so many opportunities for our yarn ladies (and men!) in this project! Please see group files for some patterns or use your own favourite.

Details

Where a link to a tutorial or further information is provided, please read all linked information before proceeding - the table provides a summary only for those items.

Organisation	Item	Fabric/ Yarn & Notions	Size	Link to details / pattern / tutorial
All	Scent/ Cuddle Hearts	See Pattern	See Pattern	Pattern Please note: Purple Hearts are requested as well as all other baby appropriate colours/ prints. The purple hearts can include other colours, they just need to be primarily purple :)
All	Knitted Blanket	See Pattern	See Pattern	Pattern
All	Corner to Corner Blanket	See Pattern	See Pattern	Pattern
All	Sewn Blanket	Cotton/ Cotton Blend/ Flannelette	75cm x 55cm	Tutorial Please note: This tutorial is a guide only, it is to show you how to make a simple prem blanket. Please follow guidelines for sizing and fabric in this document, NOT the tutorial (Clear as mud?)
All	Knitted Elf Hat	See Pattern		Pattern
All	Knitted Cardigan	See Pattern		Pattern
All	Pookie Pillow	See Pattern		Pattern

All	Peanut Pillow	See Pattern		Pattern Tutorial
All	Gown	See Pattern		Pattern
All	NICU Shirt	See Pattern		Pattern Tutorial
All	Nappy Cover	See Pattern		Pattern
All	Isolette Cover	See Pattern		Pattern

How many?

- Unlimited - as many as we can make!

The most requested items currently are gowns/ shirts, scent hearts and blankets (both knitted and sewn)

How else can I help?

Unable to sew/ knit/ crochet for this project but still want to contribute? Here are a few other ways you can help:

A. Are you local to The Lair?

- We need many hands to sort and pack the made items throughout the project. Come to a regular Friday Community Collaboration Day, or, let us know when you're free to help.

B. Do you have a good eye for a bargain (or, just enjoy shopping!)?

- We need packaging supplies - clear self sealing cello bags Size A4 and A5 (ish)
- Sewing thread
- Overlocking thread
- Suitable yarn
- Baby/ kids fabric - bright colours, baby themes, small print cotton or polycotton
- Plain cotton or polycotton fabric
- Flannelette

Important dates

Items need to arrive at the lair no later than **10 September 2020**. This will allow them to be sorted, packaged and sent out to our charity partners by early October.

Please note: There is currently a huge need for gowns, hearts and blankets so if you do finish them early, please send them in :)

Where do I send things?

IN PERSON DELIVERY

For a list of our current drop off locations [Drop off/ Pickup Locations](#)

OR

The Sewing Lair (Our HQ)

30 Spanns Road Beenleigh

POSTAL ADDRESS

Cass Gell (AKA Boss Lady)

38 Bladensburg Dr

Waterford QLD 4133

FAQs

II. What items do we need the most?

- A. This year our biggest need is hearts, gowns and blankets

III. Do I need to pre-wash my fabric?

- A. Yes please! Fabric should be pre-washed hot OR washed cold and dried in a clothes dryer on hot. This serves several purposes - removal of residual dye that may run / bleed; removal of factory chemicals / residues from the fabric manufacturing process; shrinking of fabric (if it is inclined to do so). This process needs to occur BEFORE cutting.

IV. I need fabric for this project. Can this be sent to me?

- A. Yes! We can usually send you fabric from donations at the lair. If possible, please consider covering postage. Contact Admin to arrange.

V. What courier service should I use to send in items?

- A. Use whichever courier or postal service you would like. As a guide, our volunteers have found the below services to be of good value:
- For a small number of items (up to 1kg) - Australia post satchel
 - For larger, heavier items (>1kg) - Sendle courier service

VI. I made a mistake! Should I bother finishing / sending the item in?

- A. Yes! Many charity groups use items of all sizes throughout the year. Even if the specific charities this month are unable to use it, be assured every item can find a grateful home.

VII. I need some hands on guidance - can someone show me how to make one?

- A. Probably! Some options are below. Have a chat and we may be able to find another sewing volunteer locally you can collaborate with outside of the regular community groups!

Still have questions?

Talk to us! We'd love to say hi :)

- Email: volunteer@sewingforcharity.com
- Post on our Facebook page or send a private message (PM). Search "Sewing for Charity Australia Volunteers"
- If you're already in the Facebook group, PM or tag one of our friendly Admins (Select "Members>Admin" for a list)
- Visit The Sewing Lair during opening hours
- Call Cass on 0498 213 410